

Please cancel claims 1 and 2 presently on file.

Please add new claims 4 and 5 present herewith.

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4. (New) A shaped sheet for forming a resin coating having a convex-concave pattern by casting from a solution of a reactive or thermoplastic resin or a thermally molten composition, the shaped sheet comprising a substrate sheet and a releasable resin layer having a convex-concave transfer pattern formed on one side of the substrate sheet, a top portion and a bottom portion of the convex-concave pattern of the releasable resin layer having a flat cross sectional shape with a fine irregular surface having an arithmetic average roughness Ra of 1.5 to 30.0 μm .

5. (New) A shaped sheet according to claim 4, wherein the maximum height Ry of the convex-concave transfer pattern of the releasable resin layer being 10.0 to 100.0 μm .

Remarks

In the Office Action mailed on June 18, 2002, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, and rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Nakajima et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,026,590.

Claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled and new claims 4 and 5 submitted in place thereof in response to the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and to clarify that the "maximum height Ry" recited in originally filed claim 2 refers to the maximum height of the convex-concave transfer pattern, as disclosed on page 10, lines 10-22 in the specification. The Applicant respectfully submits that support for new claims 4 and 5 is provided in drawing FIGS. 1 and 2 of the disclosure as originally filed.

The Applicants respectfully submit that new claims 4 and 5 are novel with respect to Nakajima et al. '590 because these claims include elements that are not disclosed in the cited reference.

Nakajima et al. '590 discloses "a transfer recording medium comprising a substrate, a layer of a binder disposed thereon, and a plurality of image forming elements bonded to the substrate by the binder, wherein each image forming element comprises a microcapsule having